reported in the Hindustan Times dated 17th October, 1997;

(b) whether Government are also aware of the need to enact a Central Legislation as per suggestion of the Rajasthan Government placed before the conference of Chief Ministers of Northern States in this regard; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken so far to deal firmly with the activities of anti-national elements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) Government is aware of the sinister designs of the ISI of Pakistan to destabilise India by sponsoring terrorism and supressive activities in different parts of the country. There have been instances wherein RDX explosives, arms and amunitions etc. were smuggled into the country for disturbing law and order. Pak ISI has also been patronising smugglers operating in the border areas to smuggle drugs as well as fake currency in order to promote terrorist activities in India.

(b) and (c) Government is alive to the situation and is taking all necessary steps to combat and frustrate the designs of ISI by sensitising and gearing up the intelligence machinery, sharing of intelligence and co-ordinated action by concerned Central and State agencies. The Police and intelligence organisations are under instructions to neutralise Pak ISI modules and activities in all parts of the country whenever and wherever these come to notice. Government have taken several steps which include border fencing, intensification of border patrolling, supply of equipments for effective observations during day and night, increase in number of Nakas as well as sensitising and alerting the State Governments regarding movement of Pak ISI agents, anti-national elements and insurgents.

Murder of senior citizens in Delhi

70. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the murders of Senior Citizens have increased in the capital during the past few months as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 24th October, 1997;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the guidelines issued by the Delhi Police to follow the same by Senior Citizens;

(c) whether the Delhi Poice has failed to protect the citizens in the capital; and

(d) if so, what changes Government propose to take to make Delhi Police more effective?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The number of senior citizens murdered in Delhi during the first ten months of the current year was 13 as against 19 during the corresponding period last year. The guidelines issued by Delhi Police for the benefit of senior citizens are given in the attached statement *(see below)*.

(c) and (d) Delhi Police takes all possible precautionary measures to protect the Senior citizens in the capital. In particular, the following measures have been taken:

(i) A Senior Citizens Security Scheme is in vogue under which senior citizens are identified, beat-wise and divisionwise, in every police station. Beat Staff of the police stations visits these senior citizens to offer them advice on security measures that should be taken.

(ii) During the beat and division patrolling, special vigil is maintained around the residences of senior citizens.

(iii) The antecedents of servants and others employed by elderly persons are verified.

(iv) The chowkidars of the area have been briefed to keep an eye on the residences of this category of persons.

Besides, Senior Police Officials have also been directed to hold meetings with Senior Citizens. The services of citizen wardens are also being utilised in solving the problems of senior citizens.

Statement

Guidelines for senior citizens issued by the Delhi police

1. Secure all doors windows before retiring for the day.

2. Install magic eyes in the doors. Do not open the door to stangers.

3. Install grills in windows and over verandahs.

4. Keep in touch with beat constable.

5. Verify the antecedents of domestic servants.

6. Do not take out valuables in the presence of servants or labourers or strangers. Avoid keeping valuables at home.

7. Keep in touch with relatives and neighbours.

8. Install a doorbell connected to a neighbour's house.

9. Prevent vendors and hawkers from entering the house.

10. Restrict knowledge of business transactions to only those who need to know.

11. Vary your daily routine and keep track of strangers.

Shifting of ULFA headquarters

71. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the out-lawed United Liberation Front of Assam has shifted its operational headquarters from Bhutan to Myanmar;

(b) whether it is also a fact that militant groups have also reopened many of its camps inside Bangladesh territory adjoining the international border of the neighbouring country with the North-Eastern States; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto and steps proposed to be taken with those Governments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) There is no substance in the report that the banned ULFA has shifted its GHQ from Bhutan to Myanmar.

(b) and (c) Some reports have been received of the militant groups having reopened certain camps inside Bangladesh territory. The matter has been brought to the notice of the Government of Bangladesh for appropriate action.

Bill on statehood to Uttarakhand

72. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a bill in the current Session for according Statehood to Uttarakhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Government has also passed a resolution in this regard;

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(e) whether similar demands have been received from other States also; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (d) The State Legislature of Uttar Pradesh has passed three resolutions urging the Central Government for